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CHAIRMAN NAMES NEW NATURAL GAS ADVISOR

Chairman James J. Hoecker of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today named Susan G. Pollonais as his advisor on natural gas and oil issues.

Ms. Pollonais has served as a public utility specialist in the Office of Pipeline Regulation's Division of Litigation since 1997, analyzing and reviewing regulatory data and other documents associated with pipeline tariff, rate and other filings, with particular emphasis in the area of cost classification, cost allocation, and rate design. She has most recently worked in the Commission's new Office of Administrative Litigation.

Chairman Hoecker commented: "Ms. Pollonais has a rich background in the key elements of natural gas regulation and has done electric work as well, drawing on her experience and expertise. She has a proven track record as a negotiator and technical expert. Look for her to make a major contribution to the Commission's policy deliberations."

From 1993 to 1997, Ms. Pollonais was a gas regulatory consultant and project manager for Northern States Power Company and its subsidiaries. She defended the company's position in federal regulatory proceedings and acted as principal negotiator.

Ms. Pollonais has a Bachelor of Science degree in business from the University of Minnesota-Carlson School of Management.

Ms. Pollonais replaces Patricia W. Jagtiani, who has accepted a position with the Natural Gas Supply Association. Ms. Jagtiani has been on the Chairman's staff since 1997.

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